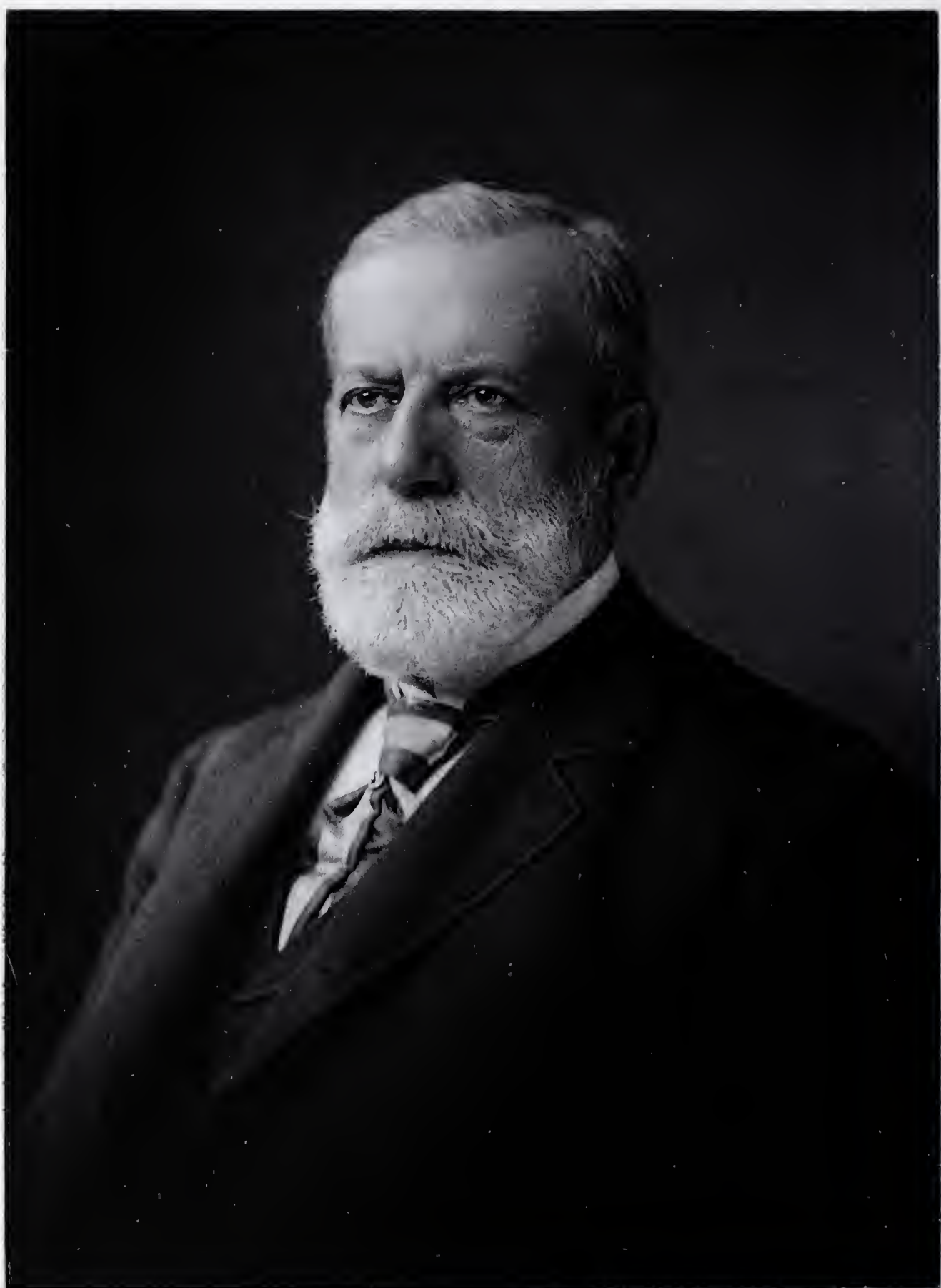


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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

Free and Accepted Masons

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master

Brother

Conrad B. Day

1904

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Special Communication

Held at Philadelphia, January 14th, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JAMES W. BROWN, announced that Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Conrad B. Day, of Lodge No. 52, died at his residence in this city, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:—

The ceremonies just concluded in commemoration of Past Grand Master Day bring to me peculiar sadness, owing to my close relations with him, both personal and official. Having been requested by you to say a word at this time, I cannot refrain from doing so, and yet it is a task made harder by the fact of the loss that I personally feel in his death.

Conrad B. Day was born in the District of Kensington, in the northeastern section of Philadelphia, a

location noted for its ruggedness and general old-fashioned honesty. It has certainly produced a number of men who have distinguished themselves in the affairs of our city chiefly by their own efforts. Looking back over the field of those who have come to prominence in our midst whose advent into the world was made in that section, it would almost impress you that there was something either in the air of that district or its situation that gave to them a determination to succeed and an integrity to maintain their positions straight through.

At an early age Brother Day, like many more of us, was launched upon the world to meet and face it and work out his destiny. He was placed with the firm of Wilstach & Co., and commenced his apprenticeship there by sweeping out the store. In the doing of that he started to sweep it out well, and that idea seems to have followed through all his life, to do that which he was instructed to do, well. I can imagine his practical mind as he appeared in that store to be trained for the long life that was before him standing on the ground at the foot of a long ladder without even having one rung in his favor. Looking up, he could see on one side of the ladder the words painted in plain letters LABOR and on the other side SUCCESS, and he seems to have taken up the challenge and followed it indefatig-

ably until he reached success. He was entirely self-made, and those who are present, of which I have no doubt there are many, who had the same circumstances to meet in their lives, can conceive of the courage necessary to look forward to the end if they intended to be successful and to have the thought go through their brain of the long, arduous struggle to achieve their purpose and to maintain their integrity in a world such as ours under the temptations so many and so great.

He continued with that firm until he finally became the owner of the store, and further maintained the confidence of Mr. Wilstach, which confidence was also impressed upon Mrs. Wilstach, his wife, who continued Mr. Day in the management of her affairs even until her death. His success in such management was marvelous, and I think I am correct in saying that I have had the assurance that he increased the holdings of Mr. Wilstach six times over after his death and before the death of his wife. In her will she also made him one of the executors and bequeathed to him quite a handsome sum in testimony of his devotion to her interests and as a somewhat substantial reward for the labor he had devoted to his task.

As a Grand Master most of us know his history, as a member of the Finance Committee both before

and since he held the exalted station of Grand Master those of us who have had business before that Committee will remember his exactness in all details required to keep the accounts straight. Personally as Chairman of the Committee on Temple, which had perhaps the largest expenditure in their charge of any department of our Grand Lodge I felt him to be conservative to the extreme, but clear, fair and just in all his dealings with me on behalf of that Committee.

As a citizen he was active in the affairs of the State and his city, and was several times made a candidate of his party for high office. He was a democrat in politics, but his democracy would be well described in my judgment by William Allen once given in the United States Senate. Democracy, said Mr. Allen, "is a sentiment not to be appalled, corrupted or compromised. It knows no baseness; it cowers to no danger; it oppresses no weakness. Fearless, generous and humane, it rebukes the arrogant, cherishes honor and sympathizes with the humble. It asks nothing but what it concedes; it concedes nothing but what it demands. Destructive only of despotism, it is the conservator of liberty, labor and property. It is the sentiment of freedom, of equal rights, of equal obligations. It is the law of Nature pervading the law of the land. The stupid, the selfish, the base in spirit, may denounce

it as a vulgar thing, but in the history of our race the democratic principle has developed the highest moral and intellectual attributes of our nature.”

Such was the ideal set up by our deceased Brother as his appreciation of democracy and so far as he was able he realized it to the full.

I have been impressed for some time that the angel of death was hovering over Brother Day, and yet when the announcement of his demise reached me I was shocked beyond measure, for only at the last meeting of our Grand Lodge, held on the 28th of December, he was with us and seemed to be quite active and alert.

I am aware, Right Worshipful Grand Master, that the time is extremely limited for eulogy at this time and hence I refrain from imposing upon you longer than is absolutely necessary to give brief expression of my thoughts regarding him.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother GEORGE E. WAGNER, addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:—

My first acquaintance with Past Grand Master Brother Conrad B. Day dates back to the spring of the year 1864, about forty years ago. At that time, a youth of 21 years, I desired to become a Mason and

petitioned Harmony Lodge, No. 52, for initiation and membership, in the usual way. My petition was referred to a Committee, the Chairman of which was Brother Day. At that time I was a member of the army and was temporarily at home on account of wounds received in battle. As I had no place of business, it was found to be more convenient for me to call on the Committee rather than have them call on me. One of my recommenders, Brother Samuel H. Ritter, the present Secretary of the Lodge, accompanied me to Brother Day's establishment and introduced me. That acquaintance ripened into friendship which continued through all the subsequent years.

Brother Day was at that time the Treasurer of the Lodge and continued to be for many years, until he voluntarily declined further service. During a portion of this period I was Secretary and was thereby thrown into constant contact with him, which but served to increase my respect and confidence in his integrity and ability.

When Brother Day was first elected Treasurer the Lodge was without an invested fund. He labored to establish one and with such success that there were constant accretions to its amount until at the present time it amounts to quite a tidy sum.

Within a short time I met Brother Day in another.

branch of the Masonic Fraternity of which he became the principal officer, when he appointed me to my first Masonic work and gave me my first taste for floor work which has continued until this day.

Later I met him as a co-laborer on the Committee on Finance of the Grand Lodge, where we served together for a long time. These personal matters are introduced by me so that you may know how close and intimate our relations have been and what opportunities I have had of judging him and his work and to show you why I so keenly feel his loss. Brother Day, in all stations to which he was called from the time of his service as an Entered Apprentice Mason until he reached the highest position in the Craft, that of Grand Master, was faithful, zealous and diligent in the performance of all duties that fell to him, and the Fraternity has great reason to mourn his departure.

Let us forever hold his memory precious.

Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, Past Master of Lodge No. 21, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

“For tho’ from out this bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to meet my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.”

Such, I doubt not, was the hope of the distinguished Brother whose unexpected and lamented death has called us together.

Sorely stricken is this old Grand Lodge. Three times within the last nine months has she been called upon to mourn for three of those whom we are accustomed to regard as the Fathers. Three times has the summons come, which no Brother may refuse to obey, if he would, to lay down the working tools in this Terrestrial Lodge, and enter into the eternal refreshment in the Celestial Lodge on high, which is prepared for those who have wrought faithfully.

In the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Conrad B. Day, this Grand Lodge has met with a great loss. For more than forty years he has been active in its affairs; and while his administration as Grand Master was marked by firmness and decision, and the utmost loyalty to the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft and the traditions of this Grand Lodge, I presume his greatest service was as a member and Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

In the State, Brother Day was a dutiful citizen. A very successful business man, he did not begrudge a part of his time to the service of his fellow men, and he served faithfully in a public capacity.

He was my father's friend, and I was glad to have him as a friend of mine, and I mourn for his departure. I regret that I am not able to pay a more adequate tribute to his memory. A few minutes before Grand

Lodge was opened I was asked to speak, and I do so gladly, that I may, even in this imperfect way, express my sorrow at his death.

Holy Scripture tells us that "the end of all things is at hand;" my Brethren, let us try to realize, with the poet,

" Even now the dawn is breaking,
Soon the night of time shall cease,
And, in God's own likeness waking,
Man shall know eternal peace."

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

That this Grand Lodge must suffer the loss of another Past Grand Master, the third within a year, is most unusual and unfortunate. With our jewels still draped in memory of our Senior Past Grand Master we doubly mourn the ending of a life which for half a century has been a conspicuous one in our Fraternity and by reason of which his death is to our Grand Lodge a real bereavement; and we can best prove this by emphasizing his services to the Craft, his able administration of the business of Grand Lodge, his fidelity to the Landmarks of Free Masonry and the wise performance of the duties devolved on him by its repeated confidence and commendation.

He understood the principles of jurisprudence, which kept alive in rigorous action the faith in the eternal Landmarks of Free Masonry. His Masonic convictions in support and defence of these principles were always expressed with firmness that gave to his deliberate opinions an effective force.

I regard the death of Past Grand Master Day a personal loss, since I owe my first appointment as District Deputy Grand Master to him, in addition to wise counsel and fraternal encouragement during the years of our acquaintance.

We shall miss the cordiality and sincerity of his manner and his fraternal grasp. His loss will be felt in our councils and particularly in the large financial interests of Grand Lodge, where he was quick to discern, wise in consideration, prompt and judicious.

Let us ever cherish and honor his memory and emulate his virtues.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JAMES W. BROWN, addressed Grand Lodge as follows and requested Brother Azariah W. Hoopes, Past Master of Lodge No. 52 to prepare and present to Grand Lodge an In Memoriam of our late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Conrad B. Day:

I wish to add a word to what has already been spoken in relation to the death of R. W. Past Grand

Master Brother Conrad B. Day, to express my personal sorrow and regret for his loss.

I have known Brother Day for many years, and have been impressed with his devotion to the interests of this Grand Lodge during the time of my association with him. I saw him in December last, and as he had told me he had been threatened with a serious trouble, I observed him with much interest, and being impressed by his appearance of health and strength, I felt satisfied there was no danger of his breaking down in the near future. It was therefore a great shock to me when I received the announcement of his death. I regret that the first time I preside over a Communication of Grand Lodge after my installation as Grand Master, should be so sorrowful an occasion.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly Communication

Held at Philadelphia, March 2nd, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

Brother AZARIAH W. HOOPES, Past Master of Lodge No. 52, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

It has been customary from time immemorial when a distinguished Brother in Freemasonry passes away, for one or more of his associates to prepare a brief record of his life, that the Brethren of the several bodies to which he was attached might all gather some points of interest concerning his private as well as his Masonic career and his relation to the world at large.

No member of our Fraternity in recent years presents a more striking example of a well spent and complete manly life than our late Past Grand Master, Brother Conrad B. Day.

“No manly man feels anything of shame in looking back to early struggles with adverse circumstances, and no man feels a worthier pride than when he has conquered the obstacles to his progress.”

The history of Brother Day's ancestry is lost in the

annals of the earlier emigration of English people who sought homes in the new world, although his grandfather was born in this country.

Brother Day was born July 3d, 1832, in the old District of Kensington of this city.

His father, William Day, was born near Haddonfield, New Jersey, and his mother, Mary M. Baker, in Kensington, where she lived for eighty-eight years near where she was born. His father was a Free Mason and a member of Harmony Lodge.

Brother Day's early education was received in the Public Schools of the neighborhood where he resided, going from the Palmer Street Grammar School to the Central High School in July, 1845, from which he graduated in July, 1847, taking the two years' course usual at that time. This he felt qualified him for business life, which had, no doubt, been in his mind during his school days, and on his finishing his course at school his energies were directed to securing employment, and in December, 1847, he obtained a position with the house of William P. Wilstach (so well remembered in Philadelphia), No. 28½, now 38, North Third Street, to learn the saddlery hardware business. On January 1st, 1861, he became a member of the firm, which was changed to William P. Wilstach & Co. Mr. Wilstach retired from business January 1st, 1867, when

the firm became Scott & Day, and on January 1st, 1877, Conrad B. Day became sole proprietor, under the firm name of Conrad B. Day & Co., which business was continued until December, 1889, when a disastrous fire brought it to a close.

Early in 1890 he was elected President of the Commonwealth National Bank, which in 1891 consolidated its business with the Seventh National Bank, and Brother Day became President of the latter, continuing as such until the bank retired from business in 1898.

He was elected President of the Philadelphia Casualty Company in January, 1900, which position he held at the time of his death. He has been a Director of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company since 1890 and a Director of the Philadelphia School of Design for Women since 1894.

He was appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania an Inspector of the Eastern State Penitentiary in 1893 and has been continuously reappointed since that time. Brother Day possessed in a large degree the quality of leadership, and was prominent in commercial and financial circles in Philadelphia throughout his business life.

If there was one striking feature in the well rounded character of Brother Day it was his unbounded love for Free Masonry. Nothing but necessity ever

kept him away from the meetings of the various bodies to which he was attached, and until the encroachment of disease overtook him he was usually at the closing as well as the openings of the meetings. He received Masonic light by initiation in Harmony Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of Philadelphia, on May 20th, 1854. He was crafted June 17th, 1854, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Washington Hall, Third above Spruce Street, Philadelphia, at that time the Masonic Hall, the Grand Lodge having erected and dedicated the new Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street in 1855. Harmony Lodge was one of the first Lodges to move to that building, and at the first election held there Brother Day was elected Junior Warden, in December, 1855, serving in 1856, when he was elected Senior Warden in December of that year, serving in 1857. In December, 1857, he was elected Worshipful Master, serving during the year 1858. In December, 1860, he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge and re-elected annually for twenty years, until December, 1881, when he declined a re-election.

In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania he was appointed an Almoner of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund on December 27th, 1862, serving for five years, when he was appointed on Committee on Appeals of Grand Lodge, serving on the same until December 27th,

1871, when he was appointed on the Committee on Finance, being reappointed and serving until December 27th, 1877.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden December, 1877, serving in 1878, being elected Senior Grand Warden in December of that year and re-elected in 1879, serving in 1879 and 1880; was elected Deputy Grand Master December, 1880, re-elected in 1881, serving during 1881 and 1882. On December 6th, 1882, he was elected Right Worshipful Grand Master and re-elected in 1883, serving in 1883 and 1884.

Since his retirement from the Chair as Grand Master he has served Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee on Landmarks, continuing to serve until his death. He was one of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Grand Lodge from 1889 to 1892, and until his death was Chairman of the Committee on Finance, having been appointed thereon in 1892.

He was the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near this Grand Lodge for many years, until Pennsylvania abandoned this system of representation.

He became a Masonic Veteran of Pennsylvania on July 19th, 1881, and was elected an honorary member thereof December 30th, 1899.

He received the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason in Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, on March 13th,

1855, in the old Masonic Hall on Third Street just previous to the removal to the new hall on Chestnut Street.

He was received and accepted as a Most Excellent Master Mason and exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, Philadelphia, in Chestnut Street Hall, April 21st, 1858, when he became a member of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania by virtue of being a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and a Royal Arch Mason.

He was elected and served as Scribe in 1865, as King in 1866, and as Most Excellent High Priest in 1867, when he received the order of High Priesthood.

He was elected a Trustee of the Chapter and served for the past thirty years, being the representative of his Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania since the system was adopted.

He was a member of Committee on Finance for many years, being its Chairman from 1865 to 1881, inclusive; was a member of Committee on Correspondence 1887 to 1891, was Chairman of Committee on Charity from 1892 until his decease, and was representative of the Grand Chapter of Virginia since 1891.

He was knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, of Philadelphia by being constituted and created a Knight of the Red Cross and dubbed and

created a Knight Templar and instructed in the secrets of Malta May 26th, 1865, being for many years one of the Trustees of the Commandery.

On October 1st, 1890, Harmony Lodge, No. 52, at a special meeting presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and unveiled a life size oil painting of Past Grand Master Day, he being the oldest living Past Master of the Lodge. The portrait was presented with much ceremony and was ordered to be placed in Ionic Hall, and there it is at this time. It was a fitting tribute, deserved by long and earnest Masonic labor and commendatory of Brother Day's zeal for the Fraternity he so much loved.

Brother Day was an honorable, upright man, and leaves behind him the record of a good name that may be scanned by the brightest sunlight and of which his Brethren in Masonry may feel proud. His last will indicates a charitable mind.

“Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Still traveling downward from the sky,
Shine on our mortal sight.
So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The Light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.”

In religion Brother Day was a Presbyterian, having been a member of Temple Church for nearly forty years, and it would require no serious stretch of the imagination to conclude that had he lived in earlier days he might have been a leader in the Covenanter movement, or an active disciple of John Calvin or John Knox.

Brother Day was twice married, and leaves a widow and three sons, two of whom have sought Masonic light in the Lodge of their father and grandfather, the elder having by election been honored in due course as Master of the Lodge.

As a business man Brother Day was precise and accurate, as the history of one Trust, which he managed will fully confirm, coming into his custody and amounting to about one and one-half millions of dollars, and in twenty years reaching the large sum of five and one-half millions, and I may add that all such matters were conducted with equal fidelity, even carrying his methodical ways into the management of his own private affairs.

The voyage of life of our Past Grand Master was navigated with a compass that was true to the pole of his ambition and certain to direct him aright, which may inspire in us the firm conviction that he has at last entered the harbor of safety, the haven of eternal rest.

RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge desires to record the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Conrad B. Day, which occurred January 11th, 1904, and to express its high appreciation of his character both as a man and a Free Mason. Had he lived until May 20th of this year he would have completed full fifty years of Masonic Brotherhood, and he frequently expressed the hope and wish that he might be spared until the half century was reached.

Brother Day's experience as a Mason was so broad and varied that his place will be hard to fill and his example difficult to emulate, and the Grand Lodge will long remember his loss.

RESOLVED, That in testimony of regard for his memory the stations and jewels of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge be draped in mourning for six months.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of this Communication of the Grand Lodge and that a copy of same be engrossed and delivered to the family of Brother Day.

Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG, Past Master of Lodge No. 246, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

Nothing more deserving nor beautiful can be added to the tribute offered to the memory of our late

Past Grand Master Brother Conrad B. Day by the Brother who was chosen to present to us the eulogy of his life and services ; nothing I can say will more fittingly tell you what he was and what he did during his long and useful career, but an almost life's intimacy prompts me to add a few words in memory of one whom I honored and respected for many years of close friendship.

His services to this Grand Lodge cannot be too highly appreciated ; his term of office as Right Worshipful Grand Master was marked by a dignified and faithful devotion to its best interests ; no sacrifice on his part was too great in the strict and intelligent performance of the duties devolving upon the occupant of that high position ; he was candid, outspoken, faithful and loyal in his every act ; he used not lengthy phrases nor flowery rhetoric ; his decisions were prompt, just, mindful of the rights and privileges of those affected and always in accord with our Ancient Landmarks and Masonic Law. His administration of the affairs of this Grand Lodge reflected honor and credit upon himself as well as to this great Masonic body. He served upon many of its important Committees, notably on Landmarks, Appeals and Finance ; as Chairman of the latter for many years, much credit must be given for the able and business-like treatment of its

financial affairs ; particularly noticeable and to be commended during that period was the reduction of a large part of the debt incurred for the building of this beautiful temple from nearly two millions to the comparatively small sum of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars. Of his many noble qualities he possessed an attentive ear and an open hand, no appeal for the alleviation of distress, for the relief of a worthy Brother or of any fellowbeing passed unheeded ; he gave as freely as means permitted.

Brother Day was in many respects an uncommon man ; he had those sterling characteristics, integrity, energy and faithfulness ; he was frequently called upon to fill offices both public and private of a fiduciary capacity and of great responsibility ; he never faltered in the proper performance of his duty ; his public services were often harassing and difficult, but he always maintained his high reputation for right and justice without regard to consequences. He died as he lived, without a stain or stigma having smirched his good name.

His home and family relations were happy and most affectionate. He was well known and highly respected in the mercantile community as an honorable and straightforward merchant, whose word was relied upon as being absolutely correct ; his business qualifica-

tions were of a superior order, which were remarkably shown in the rapid advancement during his boyhood and early manhood by his own efforts, from a small beginning to be the head of one of our large mercantile houses; every act of his business life was creditable to himself and fair to those with whom he dealt.

To those who were in close bonds of friendship with Brother Day his death will be keenly felt; as members of this Grand Lodge and of the whole Fraternity of Free Masons we mourn his loss and unite in the sad thought that a good, useful and worthy man and Brother has been too early taken from our midst.

Brother JAMES M. BEATTY, Past Master of Lodge No. 610, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge:—

It is difficult for one to speak under such trying circumstances, when emotion causes the heart to rise and the voice to tremble. Such is my condition as I stand before this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, after listening to the eloquent words of the Brethren who have preceded me, on the life and character of our departed Past Grand Master, Brother Conrad B. Day, my valued friend for more than forty years. We have rejoiced together in the sunshine, and sympathized with each other in the shadow.

Standing in the presence of Almighty God, to whom the spirit of our departed Brother has returned, I feel that we should reflect upon the solemnity of death; and as we contemplate the immortality of the soul, rise to a higher conception of the immensity of God's love, in giving man Eternal Life—for the soul never dies, but lives on through the countless ages, we call Eternity. "Life, how short; eternity, how long!" One by one our Brethren of this Grand Lodge are leaving us to join the Supreme Grand Lodge above.

How often, after the closing of our Lodge (while many had gone to their homes) the few who lingered to converse, noticed the janitor turning out the lights; then were we, too, reminded that it was time for us to take our departure. Looking down time's vista in this Grand Lodge, I see it narrowing into the year 1866. Since then, I have seen Masonic lights turned out along life's roadside one by one. There were great lights, and lesser lights, but all lights brightening happy homes.

Conrad B. Day was born in Philadelphia July 3, 1832. His father, William Day, was born in New Jersey, and his mother, Mary M. Baker, was born in Philadelphia. Their ancestors were of sturdy English stock. His early education was received in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the

Central High School in July, 1847. In the following December he entered the employ of William P. Wilstach to learn the saddlery hardware business. January 1, 1861, he became a member of the firm, then known as W. P. Wilstach & Co., in which he continued until December, 1889. He was for several years President of the Commonwealth National Bank, and afterward of the Seventh National Bank. Brother Day occupied many prominent positions of trust, and was considered one of the leading figures in commercial and financial circles in Philadelphia. He was a dignified gentleman of sterling integrity; his word was his bond. He was approachable and companionable, but with that reserve which increased rather than diminished his gentlemanly deportment. He moved through life with little friction, commanding the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

Brother Day was initiated into the mystery of Free Masonry in Harmony Lodge, No. 52, May 20, 1854. He served as Right Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1883-1884. His administration was recognized as one of conservatism, adhering rigidly to the Ancient Landmarks, Usages and Customs of Free Masonry. His fine Masonic career is well known to the Craft throughout our Jurisdiction.

Early in life Brother Day united with the Kensing-

ton First Presbyterian Church, where he remained for many years a consistent member, holding various offices. Later he removed to another section of the city, and united with the Temple Presbyterian Church, at Franklin and Thompson Streets; there he continued a faithful member and officer until he departed this life. He was a consistent Christian, an honorable man, and a worthy Mason.

It was my privilege to form the acquaintance of Brother Conrad B. Day in the year 1863. He visited my Lodge in 1864 to see me Entered, Passed and Raised. Our Masonic friendship, which began at that time, continued unbroken until I bade him farewell a few hours before he passed to the Supreme Grand Lodge beyond.

There was something pathetic in the close of this useful life. It was on Wednesday afternoon, January 6th, 1904, that it was my privilege to meet him by appointment at his office in the Fidelity Building to confer concerning a matter pertaining to this Grand Lodge in which he was deeply interested. He seemed to be in his usual good health. I well remember how kindly he was speaking of his Brother Past Grand Masters on that occasion, and especially of one with whom he had associated for many years in his Subordinate Lodge. He was speaking of him in the most

affectionate terms, when that fatal chill came,—his summons to the Supreme Grand Lodge on high. He felt the call, and said he feared that this was the beginning of his last illness. “In the midst of life we are in death.” On the following Monday, January 11th, at 11.45 A. M., he was translated to the Spirit Land.

It is a noteworthy coincidence, that the Masonic mantle of our departed Brother Day should fall upon the shoulders of that Brother in the Grand Lodge, of whom he had been in the act of speaking, when his last call came.

The home life of Brother Day was one of devotion to his family. The tender, loving care he bestowed upon his wife, who has been an invalid for several years, is well known to those who have had the privilege of intercourse with them. He leaves his afflicted wife, and three sons, William W., Samuel H. and Martin H. Day, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held September 2, 1903, Brother Day, in speaking in Memoriam of Past Grand Master Brother Samuel C. Perkins, offered his own obituary when he said:—

“The Angel of Death again has come into our midst and taken from us another Past Grand Master; one who was endeared to the Brethren of this Grand

Lodge, by the earnestness manifested in his Masonic life, the sincerity and honesty of his convictions, mingled with a dignity of presence and graciousness of manner that was certain of commanding the respect and esteem of those who were blest with his friendship."

All of which is equally applicable to the life and character of the lamented Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Conrad B. Day, and will be fraternally endorsed by all the Brethren who knew him.

This dispensation of Providence should teach us the need of coming into close touch with our Brethren in Free Masonry, and draw the bands of fraternal love more firmly during our earthly pilgrimage, rather than save our flowers to scatter on their graves. "We should strive to practice out of the Lodge those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it; then we will be better enabled to display the beauties of holiness to the honor of God's great name. By serving Him aright, all our doings will tend to His glory and the salvation of our souls."

"Chance and change are busy ever;

Man decays, and ages move;

But His mercy waneth never;

God is wisdom, God is love."

Extract from the Minutes.

Attest .

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.



